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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 124 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/47/832.

2. At its 68th, 69th, 70th, 72nd and 74th meetings, on 18, 23, 25 and 27 August and 3 September 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (A/47/990).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. At its 70th meeting, on 25 August 1993, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly defer to the forty-eighth session further consideration of the question of the placement of Member States into the groups for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses (see para. 8).

4. At its 74th meeting, on 3 September 1993, the representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.46.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.46 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.68, 69, 70, 72 and 74).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the role of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 1/ as well as the introductory statement by its Chairman, on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

1. Decides that the administrative, budgetary and management aspects of the financing of the peace-keeping operations shall be reviewed urgently and thoroughly with a view to improving the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the peace-keeping operations, as well as to providing enhanced budgetary control by Member States,

2. Endorses the report of the Advisory Committee,

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on all issues which affect the successful operation and administration of the peace-keeping operations, including steps undertaken to comply with the report of the Advisory Committee and taking into account the views expressed by Member States during the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly,

4. Also requests the Secretary-General, in this context, to provide an overview of the administrative guidelines applicable to the management of peace-keeping operations,

5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in this connection, to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on arrangements relating to the reimbursement to troop-contributing countries for death, injury, disability and illness resulting from service in the peace-keeping operations, as well as to submit recommendations on arrangements for standardization of compensation, including direct payment to the beneficiaries.

8. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

1/ A/47/990.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly decides to defer to the forty-eighth session further consideration of the question of the placement of Member States into groups for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses.